

July 16, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING UNDER THE  
BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Sheriff, District Attorney, and Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner to accept, on behalf of the County, proportionate reimbursement funding allocated by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program in the amount of \$15,396.17.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On June 15, 1999, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Sheriff to submit an application to the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the County's participation in the BVP program. The purpose of the program is to save lives of law enforcement officers by assisting local law enforcement agencies to provide officers with armor vests. Under the provisions of the BVP program, the Federal government will reimburse local agencies up to 50 percent of vest purchase costs.

Representatives from the Chief Administrative Office, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, and the Department of Coroner ascertained their respective needs for armor vests and coordinated the submission of the County's application. The BVP program requires participants to register and apply for reimbursement funds electronically via the BVP web site specifically created for this purpose. Each participating County department was required to complete and submit their application on-line. The Chief Administrative Office, as the County's designated contact, reviewed, verified, and combined the departmental submissions into one application. The County's FFY 2002 BVP program

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application was transmitted on-line, in accordance with the Board's instruction of June 15, 1999.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This program meets the County's goal on workforce excellence by enhancing the safety of law enforcement officers.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The County's FFY 2002 BVP application requests 50 percent reimbursement for 1,520 vests of which the Sheriff ordered 1,400, District Attorney 71, and the Department of Coroner 49, at a total cost of \$323,516.82. However, the BJA awarded the County reimbursement funding in the amount of \$15,396.17, which is equivalent to five percent of the cost of the vests requested. Departments which receive funds will be responsible for absorbing the match requirement, or reduce the number of vest purchases to meet the BVP award allocation.

The Chief Administrative Officer will disburse the awarded reimbursement funding in amounts proportionate to each Department's total vest order application as reflected on the attached chart. The vests may be purchased all at once or in increments. Reimbursement ending date for vests purchased under the FFY 2002 BVP program is September 30, 2006. The BVP program reimbursement payments will be forthcoming whenever the County confirms that at least part of the participating agencies' approved application vest order was received and invoiced. Supplanting issues are not applicable under the BVP program.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On June 16, 1998, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998 was signed into law as Public Law 105-181 (S. 1605). The Act appropriated \$25,000,000 for FFY 2002 to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for 50 percent of the cost of providing armor vests for law enforcement officers.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Officer safety in the line of duty is of primary concern. BVP funding offsets the costs incurred by participating department in ensuring that their personnel have access to an armor vest.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Administrative Officer

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RMG:ljp

Attachments (1)

c: Sheriff  
District Attorney  
County Counsel  
Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner

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## Attachment A

### FFY 2002 Application

Reimbursement Amount      \$15,396.17

Department	# of Vests	Cost Tax, S&H	Total Cost	Weighted Total Cost By Dept	50% Cost	Award Amount
Coroner	49	80.00	45,895.00	14%	22,947.50	\$ 2,184.14
District Attorney	71	2,266.32	30,595.32	9%	15,297.66	\$ 1,456.03
Sheriff	1,400	18,826.50	247,026.50	76%	123,513.25	\$ 11,755.99
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>21,172.82</b>	<b>323,516.82</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>161,758.41</b>	<b>\$ 15,396.17</b>